

10/27/05

Mr. John Baty  
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

RE: OPPOSITION to a full service grocery operation expansion at the Evergreen Community College site.

Dear Mr. Baty,

I am a local business manager in the Evergreen area of San Jose. I am writing because I have heard that there is a proposal that would allow the construction of another large grocery operation and shopping center in the Evergreen area (specifically, at the Evergreen Community College site).

I do not believe that there is adequate consumer demand for such an operation. Anyone that has been in the Evergreen area for any length of time knows that both the Cosentino's and Lunardi's markets are already struggling to make it financially.

As you know, running a small business is difficult at best. We are all totally dependant on traffic counts to our centers. The last thing that any of us can afford is another grocery operation coming into an area within such close proximity to two already existing local centers (Canyon Creek Plaza and the Evergreen Village Square). This increased competition will only serve to decrease the already minimal customer traffic we have.

Please consider these negative impacts when planning our area. I hope common sense will prevail and the Evergreen College site will not be allowed to develop another large grocery market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Walsh", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dave Walsh  
Broker/Manager  
Windermere Silicon Valley Properties